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The MAGDALEN. *Or the real History of an Unfortunate Young Lady.*

I AM the daughter of a tradesman in this city: My father, though engaged in a reputable and advantageous business, had yet no right to the privileges of a gentleman; but my mother desired to assume those privileges; and from her marriage determined to live and act as a gentlewoman. With this view she always followed the fashion: Her dress was ever in the mode: And her dining-room was furnished in taste; the chimney-piece had no small share of fine china-ware; and the curtains were made after the most elegant manner; and the whole floor was covered with Wilton carpet. You may be satisfied from this disposition of my mother's, that she was careful, whatever else she might forget, to instruct her children in politeness. Indeed, Sir, even from the time that I can remember ought, I remember nothing so diligently inculcated upon me, as lessons of my own importance, gentility, and beauty, and the necessity of letting off myself to the best advantage. Imagine not, that I mean to dis-honor my mother by repeating these things; which may appear trifling, but where in reality the inlets to my ruin: I reverence the memory of my parent; but by mentioning her mistakes, perhaps, I may happily warn others.

At the age of fifteen I lost my mother, who left my father a widower, with myself, a sister, and two brothers; and, as I was the eldest and my father was very fond of me, the chief conduct of domestic affairs fell upon me. But oh! how ill capacitated was I for this, who had been initiated into all the fashionable diversions and amusements, for which I had contracted an insuperable fondness, as they led me to display those personal graces, which alone I was taught to cultivate; and which, alas! I valued but too highly! My mother's death tended to advance me more early into a state of womanish behavior; and my father gratified too blindly my wild inclinations. As I heard only general and random lessons of virtue, and very few or occasional instructions in religion, it is not to be supposed, that mere female honour could give me great strength to withstand temptations. But, indeed, I thought little of temptations: As I scarcely knew what was vice, so it gained very little of my reflection: My chief wish was to be admired; and my grand aim and pursuit, to get a very fine and wealthy husband. Chariots, country houses, routs, dress, and gaiety, occupied my waking and sleeping thoughts.

Thus a year and more run on: During which time I wanted not admirers; for I

must be allowed to say, my person was pleasing and attractive. Amongst these, the son of an opulent merchant in our neighbourhood attended me most assiduously, and his endearing behaviour soon won my unsuspecting heart. My father encouraged his visits; which yet he himself desired might be as secret as possible: "For his father he informed us, would be greatly offended, if acquainted with his attachments to me, the only thing, he daily protested, which prevented his marrying me." I heard his oaths, I listened and believed. But how distant was I from suspecting any dishonourable intentions. when, in all the fervor of passion, he would curse his fate, and the vile folly of mankind, in suffering priests to obstruct their bliss by a foolish ceremony, devised solely for their profit; when, in the sight of God, (if there was a God who took notice of such things) an union of hearts, and mutual oaths and vows, must constitute a marriage. Much of this I often heard; and love blinded my eyes to its intent.

In the mean time a sudden shock overwhelmed our family in the deepest distress: My father became a bankrupt; and the miseries impending over his children so affected him, that he turned perfectly melancholy. This accident was Mr. **'s triumph: His friendship and tenderness for me on this occasion was such, that I fear it would have prevailed over a heart better fortified. Wonder not, that it prevailed over me, whose heart was melting, with the softest love to him! Cruel deceiver, he persuaded me to leave that distressful scene, and to take possession of a lodging, which he had provided, he told me, till better times would allow him publicly to acknowledge me as his wife. My father's brother took the management of his affairs, and the kind protection of my brothers and sister; while I, was lost to them; drowned in a state of insensibility, tho' not without the tenderest regard to my dear relations; whom I endeavoured to persuade, that I was married to Mr. **, but they were too wise: They could not be deceived; and foretelling me my fate with severity enough, utterly cast me off.

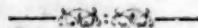
Possessed of Mr. **'s affection, I felt, I conceived no loss or hurt from any others neglect. And my heart can bear me witness, that I never knew a thought, or indulged a wish from him. Seven months he continued all I could fancy; and I began to believe that every thing (though little enough) which I had heard of formal virtue, was a name; and that outward ceremonies, and the like, tended only to the infelicity of the married state. But soon, too, I was awakened from this golden dream. Mr. ** grew tho'tful in my company, began to make his visit

less frequent and more short; urging great busines in the counting house, the preparation of ships, and I knew not what: It gave me pain, but I suspected nothing. One day, however, when I was at the window, waiting for him as usual with fond impatience, a messenger came with a letter: But what words can express my anguish upon reading it! It was to inform me, that his father had found out his connection with me, and had provided a match for him with a lady of very great fortune; which since it was impossible for him to refuse, as he must thereby forfeit all his father's regard, he hoped I would make myself easy; as he would take care of the child I should bring into the world, (for I was then with child by him) and would procure me a good place after my delivery; to support me till which time, he sent me a bill of thirty pounds.

My torture and distresses were beyond all description, I will not therefore attempt it; a miscarriage ensued, and a dangerous illness, in which I had good hope that I should have finished a burdensome life: Though the dread I had of something future, deterred me from any thing violent, to which my distresses frequently prompted me. For though I wrote, and entreated but for one interview, would you believe that I intreated all in vain? This hard-hearted man, this most unkind and cruel source of all my sorrow, would scarcely deign me a reply! My relations were equally obdurate: I desired but only to see my sister; my aunt and uncle sent me only in return to my request, sharp upbraids and savage counsels! Gracious heaven, what a situation was mine! How early did I begin to drink of the bitter cup of penance, for my unlawful pleasures and criminal indulgencies!

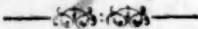
My youth supported me under this heavy load; the heaviest of which was my solitude, and the want of some kind female, or some friend to console me, and to amuse my gloomy thoughts. My nurse, to whom I had frequently made my complaint, and from whom I had concealed no part of my afflictions, at my repeated request, was so kind (I conceived it kind) to introduce to me a lady of the neighbourhood, as she told me; whose frank and generous converse soon engaged my foolish heart; and I thought myself happy in the friendship of Mrs. Marriot. Mrs. Marriot took me to her country-house; several ladies were recommended by her acquaintance. Two or three gentlemen paid us short visits; and after a day or two's stay there, we returned to town together; but, as it happened to be late, she pressed me much to take a bed at her house. I complied, and laid me down to sleep under her care and custody, dreaming of nothing ill; when I

kened in the night, by the admission of a man into my room and bed; whom I found vain to resist, as he informed me truly ere I was, what I must expect, and how unreasonable and unavailing any refractory conduct would prove. The terror of the scene deprived me of my senses, and I have no recollection of myself; but as surrounded the following day by Mrs. Marriot, and several of her suite, using their endeavours to support my life, of which they seemed almost to despair. (The remainder in our next.)



To an ELDERLY GENTLEMAN in LOVE.

SAY, what is love? Oh! can the muse's art Paint the warm feelings of an amorous heart; Describe at large the meaning of that name, From what first origin, and whence it came; By what great instinct joint affections roll, Meet in one stream, and form a lovely whole? Sure of the blessings that kind Heaven bestows, To laugh at care, and lighten human woes. This brilliant gem has ever brightest shone! From the low cottage, to the tyrant's throne: For this, Othello's self had heav'd a sigh; And wip'd the tear from Desdemona's eye; With lenient hand lull'd all those pangs to rest, That fell Iago, planted in his breast; Had death not wing'd with jealousy his dart, To the soft mansion of the fair-one's heart. For this alone the sons of fashion rove, Quit the gay town, and haunt the silent grove; The monarch hates his baubles of renown, His painted sceptre, and his spangled crown; The swain no longer plods his weary way, But quits the field, and leaves his flock to stray, Whilst echo mourns in some sequester'd vale, The plaintive murmur of his lengthen'd tale. Ye sons of youth, implanted on whose mein The rosy tints of smiling health are seen; Can I but laugh, when age dares love pursue, Crowds the fair scene to join the happy few? When trembling eighty with a boyish pride, Sighs for a cane, and flings the crutch aside; See it, alas! each precious hour beguile, To ting a face unconscious of a smile; To smooth a wrinkle, teach the eye to rove, Call back the signs of long-departed love; Love, that can never kindle real fire, Loos the warm loul, or wing it with desire. Is it for you, (at best, who can but prove Memento mori to the maid you love) The sprightly Delia, to her toilet flies, Adds art to nature, lustre to her eyes; Eager to summon ev'ry latent grace, That decks the features of a female face? Sighs that can melt, and looks that must forgive, Bid the sad lover hope, and wish to live. Is it for you that fancy's hand supplies The magic ribband in its varied dies; The dazzling gem, the feather's nodding plume, With all the pow'rs of cambic and perfume? You, dotard, vilest reason calls aloud, And bids you seek a mistress in a shroud? Can reason's voice light Hymen's torch anew, Blend you h with age, the myrtle with the yew? Can mirth ne'er sing, but you must join the song, And lip a tale that trembles on your tongue! Oh, Venus! Goddess of the melting sigh, Fair auburn lock, and mildly-swimming eye; Let love at such a price be never sold, Nor tempt a nymph to barter charms for gold!



INTEMPERANCE.

AWGIVERS, and men in authority, should consider themselves, as they are, the guardians and protectors of the public health and economy for the time being, and that they are accountable at the tribunal of conscience and reason,

for the good or bad use they make of their power; they should say to themselves, as a Trajan said to himself when he was Emperor, "Now I am Emperor, I will do what I wished Emperors to do before I was Emperor." Fifteen years experience has taught us that the earth will bring forth its fruits, and that men may eat, drink and sleep, as much and as well, without Nobles and Kings, as they did with. Let us next depose tyrant Rum—let the privilege of selling rum be confined to Apothecaries, and let a dollar a gallon duty be paid on every gallon consumed in the government, it will then be sufficiently cheap for medicinal purposes. A tyrant so mischievous and cruel, cannot be too straightly confined.

How many wives and children have been obliged to leave the desirable mansion-house and home-lead, with all its delightfully yards, gardens, walks, meadows, springs and orchards, occasioned by the loss of time and expence of the husband's drinking rum—The wretched fool so constantly drenched in rum, as never to afford time to superintend his own ground, or his own team, when all is spent, we see late in life, compelled by hard necessity, cultivating his neighbour's field, for a part of the crop, which he wheels home in a barrow.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

Mr. Harrison,

IN the New-York Journal of the 24 ult. I observed a catalogue of questions and answers, respecting the regulations of this city, signed "Next door to a Livery stable." The piece being scarce worth a remark is the reason it has not before been noticed; but least Mr. Stable should think we slight him, we will reprint his questions and answer them dispensing with the old proverb, that says silence is the best answer to a foolish question.

Q. Does not Bake Houses endanger neighbour's property.

A. Does not every one who uses bread, know the benefit of a Bake-House? and may we not conclude that the writer of the questions lives on suaua, and knows not the value of bread?

Q. 2. Are not stables public nuisances?

A. Would not hay, put in the street or yard, endanger the city much more than when under cover? and may we not conclude the author more off'd with the effluvia of the stable, than with the danger of fire?

Q. 3. Are not Cooper's shops dangerous to the public?

A. Has there ever been an instance in this city of a fire breaking out in a Cooper's shop? And would not the firing a cask in a shop, be double the danger of that in the street? and is not the querist beholden to the Cooper for the cask for his beef and pork, if he has any, for flour we wont say, for he may buy his Indian meal in bags.

Q. 4. Is there no place where they would be as useful, and not endanger their neighbours property.

A. I suppose Mr. Next-Door, would have all the Mechanics expel the city, and ordered to New-Jersey shore, where they may have their works go by water, like a snuff-mill, and each inhabitant wanting either bread, soap, candles, cask or a pump-bolt, must have to pay ferrage and stage hire for every trifle.

Q. 5. Next Door to a Cooper's Shop.

Mr. Harrison,

The following being a fact, by giving it a place in your next Museum, you will oblige Z. A.

A FEW days ago a lady in the Fly-Market, took off her glove to take up some fruit to look at, the countrywoman asked the reason of her hand being so white? The lady replied, "it was because she wore dog-skin gloves." "Bless me!" cried the old woman, "my husband has wore dog-skin breeches these three years, and his—de is as brown as a nutmeg.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

THEATRICAL POSTS.

MAJOR General W-gn-ll has resigned his staff, which he bore with such honour for so many years, under the Generals H-ll-am and H-n-y. The cause of this resignation is variously talked of: Some attribute it to the success he has had in a certain speculating medium; others (who seem to speak with more confidence) give out that he was disgusted at his not being admitted to some prerogatives that were exclusively invested in the Generals and others, that it is only a faint in expectation of promotion.

A certain Lady of great tactical abilities, who is well known for her attachment to the General; and the part she bears in his camisades, has as usual joined with the General. And Colonel M—, her cara-sposa, who is one of the most complying in the world (though a clever old gentleman, but the greatest scrub in the corps) by the injunctions of his nominal rib, completes the triumvirate.

PROMOTIONS.

Mr. J. M-rt-n, a young gentleman of promising military abilities, has entered as a volunteer, and is to serve as Aid-de-Camp to Generals H-ll-am and H-n-y, and is to take upon himself a considerable command this campaign.

Major R-b-n-n, late from the West-Indies, a gentleman of great mental abilities, is to assume a small command.

Doctor V— is to serve occasionally in a couple-de-main; in consequence of which, he is to receive part of the booty. But unfortunately for the Doctor, he has too great a penchant for the Doctor; which occasions him to view cases through a false medium. His affections, we are afraid, in this case, will retard his promotion, as they cause him very often to deviate from the centre, not much to his own respectability or the regiment which he belongs to.

Mr. R-n-k-n, not from his own intrinsic merit, but that of a second person, is raised to the office of Recording Secretary.

The Vocal Band is considerably recruited by the additional name of Van Hagen, &c. &c.

For the WEEKLY MUSEUM.

Mr. Printer,

IT has been my misfortune to have passed my thirtieth year (it is not necessary to lay exactly how much) without having entered into that state which shelters our sex from reproach, and exposes them too often to misery and wretchedness. But I desire you to understand that I have not remained single for the want of offers; I have had sweet hearts of all ages, and conditions, and have as often refused the addresses of the old and indigent, as I have been deserted by the young and wealthy; so that you see, Mr. Printer, an unmarried life hath been my choice, and yet I am not suffered to enjoy the comforts of it in peace and quiet.

No longer ago than last Sunday, a pert little hussy not out of her teens, with a young jackdaw by her side, accosted me as I returned from church, "Your servant Miss Havebeen, I am glad to see you so well recovered from your indisposition."

"Indisposition Miss Forward! thank God I have been in good health." "Lord bless me," replied the minx, "how the world is given to scandal! It was reported all over town that you took to your bed in consequence of Mr. Script's leaving you in so ungentlemanly a manner. Scandalous fellow, I assure you it grieves me to the heart to hear of his behaviour, though I hope you treat it with that contempt it deserves. Lord Miss Havebeen, you are not so old but you may have many lovers yet; my aunt Rachel, you know, was married the other day at forty-six." "Forty-six! Miss Forward," cried I, "forty-six, I hope you don't"—But before I could finish my question, she dropped a curtsey;

The COURT of APOLLO.

THE MORALIST.

The HIDING-PLACE.

HAIL sov'reign love that first began,
The scheme to rescue fallen man;
Hail matchless, free, eternal grace,
That gave my soul a HIDING-PLACE.
Against the God that rules the sky,
I fought with hands uplifted high;
Despis'd the mention of his grace,
Too proud to seek a HIDING-PLACE.
Enrapt in thick Egyptian night,
And fond of darkness more than light,
Madly I ran the sinful race,
Secure without a HIDING-PLACE.
But thus the eternal counsel ran,
Almighty Love arrest that man;
I felt the arrows of distress,
And saw that I'd no HIDING-PLACE,
Indignant Justice stood in view,
To Sina's fiery mount I flew;
But Justice cry'd with frowning face,
This mountain is no HIDING-PLACE.
Ere long a Heav'ly voice I heard,
And Mercy's angel form appear'd,
She led me on with placid pace,
To Jesus as my HIDING-PLACE.
Should storms of sevenfold thunder roll,
And shake the globe from pole to pole,
No flaming bolt should daunt my face,
For Jesus is my HIDING-PLACE.
On him almighty vengeance fell,
That must have sunk the world to hell;
He bore it for the chosen race,
And thus became their HIDING-PLACE.
A few more rolling suns at most,
Shall land us on fair Canaan's coast,
Where we shall sing the song of grace,
And see our glorious HIDING-PLACE.

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A FARM,
PLEASANTLY situated on the Banks of Hudson's River, in German-Town, Columbia county, containing 114 acres, of which a great part is excellent meadow, and a sufficiency of good wood-land: A good house, out-houses and barn; also, 26 acres, on which is a good tan-yard, and may be converted into excellent meadow. The whole will be sold, either together or separate, as may best suit the purchaser, and immediate possession given: There is also 10 or 12 loads of good hay, which will be sold cheap. Enquire of the Printer, or at No. 1, Vandewater-Street.

N. B. With trifling expence a good fishing place may be made.

New-York, Sept. 10, 1791. 74 tf.

ANTHONY OGILVIE,

No. 3, Peck-Slip.

INFORMS his friends and the Public, that he has removed from No. 18, Little Dock street, to No. 3, Peck-Slip, where he continues to carry on House and Sign painting, Gilding and Glazing &c. He also paints mahogany, ebony and all kind of wood colours, marble and stone equal to the colour of stone, in the neatest manner. And he flatters himself that he will give general satisfaction to those who may favour him with their custom.

An APPRENTICE wanted to the above business.

SKINNER,

Surgeon Dentist,

WILL give one guinea each for live front teeth, and a generous price for any quantity of dead front teeth, apply at No. 27, John-street, opposite the Play House.
New-York, August 13, 1791. 70 4^t

JOHN GREENWOOD,

SURGEON DENTIST

And Operator for the Teeth,
Has Removed to No. 5, Vesey-street, side of St Paul's-Church,

WHOSE abilities is universally approved by seven years successful practice in this city. He transplants, makes and cleans the teeth as usual. Prices as follows:
Transplants teeth, 3 guineas each,
Grafts natural teeth, 3 dollars each,
Makes and fixes artificial teeth, from 8 to 20s. each,
Cleans the teeth, from 8 to 20s.

He has a peculiar method of fixing artificial teeth, which are not to be equalled by any other artificial teeth, as to beauty, firmness or durability.

Tooth powder, 2/6 per box.

N. B. Patent and all kinds of electrical machines, with medical and experimental apparatus for sale. Enquire as above, or at Mr. Clark Greenwood, mathematical instrument maker, No. 199, Water-street, opposite the Coffee-house.

HEREAS Stephen McCrea, of the city of New-York, and Mary his wife, on the sixteenth day of October, 1784, for securing the payment of eight hundred pounds, current money of New-York, on the sixteenth of October, 1785, with interest at seven per cent. per annum, did mortgage to Ann Areson, of the same place, widow, all those certain lots situate in the outward of the said city, known, distinguished and bounded as follows, wiz. lot No. 619, on the South, by Cheap Side, and lot No. 620, on the North, by Lombard-street, each lot containing thirty feet in front and thirty feet in rear; lot No. 595, on the North, by a still house belonging to the said Stephen McCrea and others; and on the East, by lots belonging to Anthony Rutgers and others; and on the West, by lot No. 596, belonging to William Bedlow; lot No. 601, on the front, by Catherine-street, on the North, by a house and lot then belonging to Gerardus Depyster; on the West, by the said still house, and on the East, by lots then belonging to Ann Bunker, Gerardus Depyster and Henry Rutgers. AND WHEREAS, the said eight hundred pounds, with the interest, or part thereof, is still due and unpaid. NOTICE is therefore hereby given, that the said mortgaged premises will be sold at Public Auction, at the Merchants Coffee-house, in the city of New-York, on the ninth day of February next at 12 o'clock in the forenoon of the same day, by virtue of a power contained in the said mortgage, and pursuant to the directions of the act of the Legislature of this state, made and passed the 27th day of February, 1788, entitled, "An act to prevent frauds by mortgages, and for securing the purchasers of mortgaged estates."—Dated this 6th day of August, 1791.

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ANN ARESON.

LIVERY STABLES.

THE Subscriber informs his friends and the public, in general, that he has furnished himself with two convenient stables, (the one in Sloane-Lane, in the rear of the Bank, Hanover-Square; the other No. 1, Berkley-Street, opposite to Messrs. Charles and James Warner,) for the reception of Horses and Carriages by the day, week, month or year, at the very lowest prices. He has at the above stables, elegant Saddle and carriage horses for sale: He likewise has, for the convenience of Ladies and Gentlemen, elegant Saddle Horses and Carriages to hire, at as low a rate as any in this city.

Wm. WELLS.

New-York, September 3, 1791.
N. B. At the above stables Gentlemen may have their horses nicked in the newest and best manner, and may depend upon having the strictest attention paid them, as he has procured bands solely for that purpose.

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